

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the second paragraph of the Description Of The Preferred Embodiment section as follows:

The navigational system 20 further includes at least one user ~~terminal 30~~ terminal 31 coupled to the Internet 32 (or any other suitable communication network). The server 22 is also coupled to the Internet 32. In a commercially successful system, it is anticipated that there would be large numbers of user terminals of various different types in communication with the server 22. As is conventional at present, the user ~~terminal 30~~ terminal 31 is shown as a conventional personal computer system including a display 34, a keyboard 36, a mouse 38, a system unit 40, and a modem 42. Usually, the modem couples to the ~~Internet 20~~ Internet 32 via a data line 19 such as a cable or telephone line. Alternatively, the user terminal communicates with the Internet via wireless communication.

Please amend the third paragraph of the Description Of The Preferred Embodiment section as follows:

The server 22 is preferably functionally coupled to the Internet 32 and thus to ~~terminals 32~~ terminals 31 via one or more dedicated, ~~high-speed lines 34~~ high-speed lines. The requirements for server 22 and ~~high-speed lines 34~~ high-speed lines are dictated at least in part by the expected volume of data to be exchanged with users at user terminals and by the number of such user terminals and users that are expected to access the server.

Please amend the first full paragraph appearing on page 10 of the Description Of The Preferred Embodiment section as follows:

In the present embodiment, the server 22 comprises components of a host computer system, ~~generally indicated at 50,~~ and the signal sent by a user comprises a signal sent by ~~a client computer system 52~~ the user terminal 31 communicating with the host computer system. The host computer ~~system 50~~ system communicates with the ~~client computer system 52~~ user terminal 31 in a manner for providing on the client computer system an interface for the host computer system, and the host computer system is adapted to receive the signal via the interface. The interface may comprise a box, icon, or button on a screen of the ~~client computer system 52~~ user terminal 31. For example, the interface might be a box prompting the user to directly input an ICD or CPT code (e.g., by typing the code directly in the box) to initiate a search. This input is received by the retrieval system of the server 22. Upon receipt, the retrieval system retrieves from the database the names of the health care providers (and/or other content) associated with the ICD or CPT code, and conveys the search results to the ~~client computer system 52~~ user terminal 31.

Please amend the second paragraph that begins on page 10 of the Description Of The Preferred Embodiment section as follows:

Fig. 2 shows an exemplary interface on a client screen, generally indicated at 60. Although the user may have the option of initiating a search by directly inputting an ICD or CPT code, it is expected that most Internet users will be unfamiliar with ICD and CPT codes. In one preferred mode of operation, the interface comprises a button or icon 62 appearing on the client screen 60 of the client computer system. Preferably, the icon 62 has a descriptive indicia (e.g., "Doctor Locator") to indicate its purpose. Preferably, the icon 62 appears on the client screen when the user is accessing a particular community or micro-community (e.g., a web page, chat room, resource tool, drug database, etc.)

containing information about or somehow related to a particular ailment, condition, or treatment option. The user may be directed to select the button or icon 62 in order to retrieve a relevant list of health care providers. Because the web page or chat room relates to a particular ailment, condition, or treatment option, the system is adapted so that selection of the button or icon by the user sends to the host ~~computer system 50~~ computer system a signal associated with the ICD or CPT codes related to such ailment, condition, or treatment option. Another type of possible community is a health map as disclosed in commonly owned and co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/547,781, filed April 12, 2000 and titled A NAVIGATION SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USING THE SAME (incorporated herein by reference). The maps and map nodes connect to specific databases, one of which may be a listing of ICD and CPT codes which are then associated with healthcare provider names. Also, map nodes may point directly to a database of healthcare provider names who want to be associated with that map and map node. Commonly owned and co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/425,779, filed October 22, 1999, and titled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DIRECTING INTERNET USERS TO HEALTH CARE INFORMATION (hereby incorporated by reference) discloses use of ICD and CPT codes to obtain health care information. More particularly, such application envisions health care information being associated with ICD and CPT codes. The present invention complements the system described in such application by enabling a user to locate health care providers who specialize in the very subject matter that the user is then reading about.

Please amend the first full paragraph appearing on page 12 of the Description Of The Preferred Embodiment section as follows:

In addition to providing the names of the health care providers associated with the ICD or CPT codes, it is to be understood that other information about the health care providers (e.g., the providers' addresses and/or telephone numbers, and perhaps

some biographical information) may also typically be retrieved from the database and transmitted to the ~~client computer system 52~~ user terminal 31.